

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 14 December 2022 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Councillors A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, P Fenemore and N Woodcock.

### 114.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S Myers, B Paillusson and G Stubbs

### 115.22 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 116.22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 November 2022

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended.

### 117.22 Public Participation

Installation of the average speed camera system along the A581 has been completed.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

### 118.22 Planning Matters

22/01077/FUL Erection of 1no. detached bungalow at Land at rear of 13 - 17 Drinkhouse Road

22/01150/TCON Application for works to protected trees - Chorley Rural District Council TPO 1 (Croston) 1973: Sycamore T1 - Fell; Sycamore T3 - Remove subordinate stem leaning towards highway; Ash T5 - Crown raise over highway at 35 Grape Lane

22/01185/FULHH Insertion of a new window to the west elevation to the rear and internal alterations at 65 Town Road

22/01186/LBC Application for listed building consent for the insertion of a new window to west elevation to rear, and internal alterations at 65 Town Road

22/01200/TCON Notification of proposed works to a tree within a conservation area including the felling of 1no. black poplar at 38A Drinkhouse Road

22/01205/TCON Notification of proposed works to trees within a conservation area including crown reduction of 2no. yew at Croston Hall, Croston Hall Estate, Grape Lane

22/01229/LBC Replacement of the existing rear softwood windows with UPVC double glazed units at Jubilee Almshouses, Shevington Causeway

There were no objections to these applications.

### 119.22 Financial Matters

i) The monthly financial monitoring statement was presented.

Resolved: the monitoring statement was received and accepted.

ii) Councillors considered the amount of the donation to the Poppy Appeal.

Resolved: a donation of £250 was agreed.

iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 24.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 424.80	Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance

£ 3480.00	Rawcliffes of Chorley	War Memorial cleaning
£ 500.00	Croston Old School	Grant
£ 2102.08	Staff costs	Salaries, deductions and reimbursements
£ 250.00	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation and wreath

#### 120.22 Precept

Councillors discussed possible items for inclusion in the 2023-24 budgets. It was noted Chorley Council Officers were dealing with the Warm Spaces Initiative and provision of electric vehicle charging points was, at present, beyond the means of the parish council.

#### 121.22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Douglas Catchment Area - damage to the river retention wall by Knotweed and sewage discharge into the rivers was discussed. A presentation on actions to be taken was carried out by the Environment Agency.

A public consultation event has been arranged for 12 January 2023 for United Utilities to provide information on the sewer improvement works to be carried out.

#### 122.22 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 January 2023.

#### 123.22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the exclusion of members of the press and public for the following item was considered on the grounds that the item comprises information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and, in accordance with Part 1 (3) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is exempt from public disclosure.

Resolved: due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Members of the press and public were excluded for the consideration of the following item.

#### 124.22 Personnel Matters

Staff salaries for 2023-24 were reviewed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.